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Mr. James S. Lay, Jr.  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council

In line with our telephone conversation and your subsequent memorandum of August 6, I am enclosing a draft reply to a letter from [redacted] for the signature of Mr. Gordon Gray.

*[Handwritten signature]*

[redacted]  
Executive Officer

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Draft of Proposed Reply to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Guilford, Connecticut

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of 15 July 1958 to the President has been referred to me for reply.

As I read your letter, I was both impressed and moved by the contribution and sacrifice which your family has made in the Armed Services. I can appreciate that the effect which the course of world events will have upon the future of this country and upon us as individuals is a matter of particular interest to you.

You asked whether we have in the Government any active form of intelligence, either Navy, Army or Air Force. We have all three.

In part, as a result of the Pearl Harbor surprise attack, there was also established in 1947, under the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency. The primary reason for establishing this Agency was the need for a centralized intelligence organization to alert our Government to such developments before they occur.

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guidance of the policy makers. Also each week the Director of  
Central Intelligence presents to the National Security Council  
important developments in the foreign field and he personally briefs  
the President at such other times as may be necessary.

Although the exact timing of the Iraq coup was not foretold, this  
Government was fully alert to the general area threat which faced  
not only Iraq but also Lebanon and Jordan. You will recall that  
within a matter of hours after the Iraq coup American forces landed  
in response to the urgent request of the Government of Lebanon.

While it is next to impossible to predict in advance every world  
development, you may be sure that the Government is making every  
possible effort to assure that we will be prepared for the rapidly  
changing world events.

Sincerely,

Gordon Gray  
Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

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